Students and Professors Off for the Holidays-A Richmond Ciub.

BLACKSBURG, VA., December 22. Special.)-On the evening of the 19th urred the celepration of the Maury Literary Society. After an overture by The cadet band the exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. J. M. Holladay, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Mr. G. T. Surface, president of the society, delivered a graceful salutatory and introsuced the first orator of the evening-Mr. Leslie D. Kline, of Frederick county, Mr. Kline handled his subject-"Free Trade"n a manner that showed him thoroughly familiar with it, and evidenced much care in the preparation of the speech. The nd orator of the evening, Mr. B. L. Umberger, of Wythe, had selected as his me the query, "Upon What Does the Blory of Our Nation Depend?" and answered conclusively by showing that it s only upon the true Christian manhood

and true womanhood of its citizens. question, "Resolved, That it is st the Interest of Labor, as Opposed Against the Interest of Labor, as Opposed to Capital, to Form Unions or Combina-tions, was then ably debated by Messrs, F. W. Simpson, of Scotland, and Mr. Ioseph B. Carper, of Botetourt, on the uffirmative, and Messrs, Claudius Lee, of Pittsylvania, and R. I. Roap, of Mont-

jomery, on the negative.

The judges, selected from the audience, rendered a decision on the merits of the lebate, unanimously in the affirmative. here was a very large audience pres-the room not being able to seat them The order and strict attention paid speakers was remarkable, due, the speakers was remarkable, due, no goubt, in a large measure, to the excellence of the speeches. The celebration was in a high degree creditable, and does honor to the society. It was the intention to hold the celebration of the Lee Society and the speakers of the lee Society and the speakers. on Thursday night, but for various rea-sons it was deemed best to postpone it intil Lee's-Birthday, January 19th. GONE HOME.

st all of the students have left for Almost all of the students have left for their homes, and the college buildings and grounds have a deserted look that is almost painful. Most of the members of the faculty will be absent, too, during all or a portion of the holidays and our little village, except for the small boy, the firecrackers, and no little "hooten-top," that always finds its way in at Christmas time, would be quieter than at almost any season of the year. Our merchants are now shipping large

almost any season of the year.

Our merchants are now shipping large quantities of dressed turkeys to your city.

On the 29th more than 2,000 pounds were shipped by two firms alone. They are fine and fat. The weather has been open and bright and never were both game and fowls in finer condition. PRICES LOWER.

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The Christmas trade has set in now in good, hard earnest, and both merchants and clerks are very busy. Articles under the operation of the new tariff bill are ower than they have ever been. Though the opposing hosts have retired Mr. Wilson from Congress, it must be no small satisfaction to him to know that he has brought joy and solid-creature confort. ught joy and solid-creature comfort, brought joy and sometimes too, into many a home where it would have been lacking and sadly missed under the operations of the McKinley law.

And there will be merry hearts among the little folks, too, for each of the four schools her will give during Sabbath schools her with the sabbath schools her week a Christmas-tree or its equivalent to its pupils.

Lieutenant John T. Knight, who has

appointed instructor of the State s. was the commandant here pre-Groops, was the comman. The name of his friends and admirers here is "Legion," who congratulate both the State and Lieutenant Knight on this

excellent appointment.

A society of engineers was organized here last week, with twenty-eight students, and Professors Barton and Randents, RICHMONDERS.

The college now has a goodly number of Richmonders on its rolls, and these have organized themselves into a social prider termed the "Richmond Club." About a week since the club had its pho-tograph taken in order, I presume, to take to the people at home the hand-somest picture they ever saw.

An interesting experiment is being

made at the college farm. Twelve months since Dr. Niles, the veterinarian, tested the herd and found several infected with tuberculosis. He is now engaged in simi ar experiments. In this he is assisted by his class, so that it is not only a vast benefit to the college stock, but a very instructive exercise for the students. The weather has been so open and mild this fall that the cattle are in fine condi-tion, and many are being marketed still. Mesers. Childress & Miller recently made

announces the safe arrival in England of her husband and daughter. When in sight of land and not more than twelve nours' sail from harbor their vessel ran aground and all efforts of the crew get her out were unavailing. With the assistance of two tugs she was finally gotton off, but not until two tiresome days had been spent waiting by the pas-

sengers.

A letter received by the writer from Judge Staples announces his intention of spending the holidays in Christiansburg. NORTHUMBERLAND OYSTERMEN.

Petitions to Have Oyster Beds Included in

the Survey-Tough Prisoners. HEATHSVILLE, VA., December 22.-Special.)-A great many petitions have been gotten up among the oystermen of natural oyster-bars, which were left out by Captain Baylor, included in the general survey. There have been a great many complaints among them, and they have good reason. A great many valuable bars and beds. nd beds are situated in the waters of this ounty, which, if some steps had not been aken, would have been thrown open to lanters. Most of them are small, it is included in the other beds, the cystermen and the cystering will have received a heavy blow. As it is, petitions have been drawn up and filed here at the Clerk's office, and it is to be hoped that the systemen will not be deprived of any of these beds, which are truly necessary

Nothing further has developed in the mysterious murder of the colored boy at Rehobeth church, and the affair has suleted down very much.

Our county jail holds a pair of toughooking fellows who were arrested and brought up from the shucking-house at Lewisetts for engaging in a drunken fight. One has some slight cuts, and the other is considerably bruised. One of them attempted to drown himself by jumping overboard while coming up the river to

em for a living.

SECOND ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW knother Exhibition in January-Probable

Railroad Extension. SALEM, VA., December 22.—(Special.)— The second annual poultry show of the Roanoke Valley Poultry Association, which was held here a few days ago. was a great success in every way, rewas a kreat success in every way, repeipts being good and many sales being
made at excellent prices. J. H. Drevenstedt, of Johnstown, N. Y., scored the
towls and was well pleased with the exsibits. The same association will hold
another show in Roanoke January 8th
to 10th, with George O. Brown, of Baltimore, secretary of the National Poultry
Association, as judge.

More, secretary of the National Poultry Association, as judge.

Mr. N. Turner Johnston, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, spent a day in Salem the past week, and in sompany with Captain J. C. Langhorne frove out over the line of the old Vailey foad near town, and took in the situation senerally. While he would say nothing definite about the plans of his company, he spoke frequently of "our proposed extension," about necessary changes in the route, the mistakes made in the thorough investigation he made into the road's literest in this section gave rise to the belief that an early extension of the Valley road is not altogether improbable.

The Rossoke Street Railway Company

has a force of hands excavating for their new track on College avenue, Salem's principal street, an extension which the Council has recently granted them. When completed the electric-cars will run from the Terry building at Roanoke to the court-house at Salem, instead of stopping in a wilderness of boom lots as now.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church have just received a letter from Yokohama, Japan, from Mrs. Maynard, formerly Miss Bessie Harlow, of Salem, who has gone as a missionary to that country.

The Lutheraus have recently purchased lot between here and Hollins with the atention of erecting at an early day a

church thereon.

Roanoke County Court is in session, and almost the whole week has been taken up with the case against Henderson Carroll, of Vinton, charged with the seduction of Mary A. Oliver, of the same under promise of marriage. Much e evidence was too obscene for family reading.

H. J. McIntyre, of Springfield, Mass., who will take charge of athletics and physical culture at Roanoke College, has arrived. Mr. McIntyre has taken a two-years' course in the Physical Department of the International Young Men's Chris-

tian Association Training School at Springfield, Mass., and comes highly re-commended by the director, Dr. Luther

County-Treasurer George Nuse is in Richmond settling with the State Auditor.

ALICE MITCHELL IMPROVING. Exodus of School-Girls and Teachers-

Staunton Boys Restricted. STAUNTON, VA., December 22 .- (Sp cial.)-Alice Mitchell, of Richmond, the white woman whose skull was fractured last week when she was knocked from the Valley railroad trestle bridge just north of Staunton, is getting along nicely, and her

recovery is highly probable. The pa-tient has been carefully attended by able physicians, and kind friends here have dministered to her wants. The Christian Endeavor Convention of Virginia will meet here on January 15th

pretty school girls and teachers at the various schools here, the trips being made to the homes of those conveniently near whence the travellers will spend the Christmas holidays. The pupils at the State Institute of the Deaf, Dumb, and ound that no little sickness resulted to them in leaving the steam-heated school buildings and going to homes not so heat-Doyle and his faculty exert themselves to make happy during the holidays the

fireworks. Cannon-crackers are forbidden by the city ordinances. However, small equibs may be used by the youngsters. News is received here of the death in New York on the 12th instant of Minnie Jefferson, formerly owned by the Esk ridges, of Augusta. Aunt Minnie was 10 years old, and was a slave belonging to Thomas Jefferson at Monticello before being owned by the Eskridges.

JUDGE HARRISON HONORED. Hon. George M. Harrison, judge-elect of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Vir-ginia, has had the esteem in which he s held here at his home emphasized by on each have handsomely entertained Judge Harrison at dinner parties at thei homes, on which occasions were presen many of the leading lights of the bar and the bench.
The Thomas C. Williams Tobacco Con

pany, of Richmond, has arranged to give each of the diners at the Staunton Daily News' Christmas dinner to the poor a plug of the Williams Company's "Royal Colors" tobac COUNTY EXPENSES.

The Fishersville Farmers' Club reports penses of Augusta county that in 1889 the revenue was insufficient by \$8,747.41, and that the county was in debt in this latter sum. It appears that the net levy for 1893 was \$12,891.94. J. R. Kemper, a memto the manner of keeping the county accounts, in no wise is to be understood as

uch labor to get all the facts, and that he county could be reduced. Dr. David Hanger, a brother to ex-Speaker Marshall Hanger, anent the mat-

HOLIDAYS AT SCOTTSVILLE.

Absentees Flocking Home to Spend the Christmas-Mr. Gilmer's Lost Boy. SCOTTSVILLE, VA., December 22.

(Special.)-Miss Eliza B. Farrar, teaching at Elk Hill, passed through here to-day to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. P. A. Farrar, at Orange Mr. Steve M. Shepherd leaves for his

home near Kent's Store, in Fluvanna, to spend Christmas. General J. C. Hill and Mrs. Hill re

Miss Rose S. Farrar, who conducts the graded school near North Garden, will e at home to spend the Christmas holi-

The town was enlivened on Thursday by a beautiful marriage, which took place at the residence of Mr. Peter V. Foland father of the bride, at 2 o'clock P. M.
His lovely daughter, Miss Fannie, was
united in marriage to Mr. Calvin Dunkum,
of Bluefield, W. Va. Rev. J. W. Hildrup,
pastor of the Methodist church, performed he ceremony very impressively. The happy pair took the east-bound train to visit the home of the groom's father, after which they will make their home in

which allowed the boys a nice little "skate" early yesterday morning, but the The graded school here has just closed holidays, and the children are

Ice formed on our ponds near here

in high giee.

Misses Nellie and Lena Dunkum, of Cumberland, visited the town Thursday to attend their brother's marriage.

Mr. George W. Foland, of Richmols here spending the holidays. Miss Mary Tutwiler, who has been spend ing some time at Elk Hill with her sitter, Mrs. Pitts, returned home Wedner

AN ANXIOUS PARENT. Mr. Z. Lee Gilmer, one of our towns-men, in the absence of Mrs. Gilmer at Charlottesville, three days ago, about dark missed his little son. Walker, who invariably after his play with associates about town puts in his appearance at home about that time. His father search-ed around the streets for him, but failed to find him. He concluded that during the afternoon he had probably gone to his aunt's, some two miles out of town, to meet his mother on her return, where she expected to spend the night. So Mr Gilmer, procuring a horse and buggy, drove out there, and failing to find the little fellow, called at several other places where he was accustomed to visit, but with the same success. He returned home in a very high state of anxiety, but his joy was very great to see his boy walk in about the time he got back. Feeling stck, he had gone to a neighbor's close by and laid down and fell into a profound slumber, from which he had just awakened

just awakened.

Mr. Edward Moon, who makes his home at Lynchburg, is here at his farm, "Snowden," for a day or two.

Many years since our house stood fore-most in the employment of only fine workmen. We now have three upon whom the public can relie for most su-perior Piano work. Leave orders for prompt attention, we guarantee satis-faction. MANLY B. RAMOS & CO., 933 Main street.

See our Magnificent Display of Gold Rings, Ear-Rings, Lace-Pins, etc. D. BUCHANAN, III east Broad street.

NORTHENR NECK R. K.

Interest Revived In the Project Recent Publications.

ALL CLASSES IN FAVOR OF IT

Looked Forward To-Thousands of

COMORN, KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA., December 22.—Recent newspaper notices reviving the subject of the long-talked-of Northern Neck raliroad, and the presence here of northern capitalists who signify their intention to take stock and inaugurate work at a very early day have tended to enthuse and arouse the whole people in favor of that much-needed enterprise. As stated a few weeks ago through this medium, many large real estate-owners along the proposed route who openly opposed the building of a railroad through the Neck, are now among the avowed friends of the project, and may be relied on as material helpers when the time comes for help. It is understood this week that some of the hitherto anti-railroad men are now such zealous advocates of its immediate construction that they will the such as the right denate a vient of way through.

How naturally at Christmas-time do we fall to thinking of what we would like to give, and of the wants of the many around us, and in the midst of all our own cares and perplexities, we each take time somehow to consider how best to please and help those with whom we are more or less associated by means of gifts to which we seek to give as much heart-value as possible. And work in this line has the right ring, because it is helpful, sympathetic, and affectionate. All this we do at Christmas-time because it is helpful, sympathetic, and affectionate. All this we do at Christmas-time because it is helpful, sympathetic, and affectionate. All this we do at Christmas-time because it is helpful, sympathetic, and affectionate. All this we do at Christmas-time do to won cares and perplexities, we each take time somehow to consider how best to please and help those with whom we are more or less associated by means of gifts to which we seek to give as much heart-value as possible. And work in this line sympathetic, and affectionate. All this we do at Christmas-time because it is helpful to which we seek to give as much heart-value as possible. And work in this line to which we seek to give as much heart-value as possible. VA., December 22.-Recent newspaper no ingrediate construction that they will imiredate constitution that they are cheerfully donate a right of way through their plantations. Indeed, all classes are almost overjoyed at the prospect of the scheme materializing at last. The landowners at last accept the proposition that a railroad through this now isolated, but fertile Neck, would greatly enhance the

value of their property.

Laborers and mechanics see in the scheme a prospect of lucrative employ-ment for them. Merchants join in the shouts of joy, because prosperity among the land-owners and laborers means in-creased prosperity for themselves. For a week past, almost every other topic has been subordinated to the subject of a railroad through the Northern Neck, and certainly if anything transpires to defer operations, this will be a saddened and

SUCCESS TO THE LEADER. The Leader, the weekly newspaper be published in Lancaster county by Leader Publishing Company, will make its appearance on the first Thursday in January next, with T. J. Downing, edi-tor, and Messrs. E. E. Barnum, Clarence Towies, and W. T. Mayo associate-editors. Mr. R. O. Norris will be general mara-ger. The company is composed of a num-ber of the most prominent professional and business-men of that section of the

Thomas Parker (colored), the publicschool teacher of this county who was sent to the penitentiary from Fredericks-burg in February, 1893, for passing a forged check to a Fredericksburg jeweller, has returned to his home here, a sadder but wiser man. While his once-admiring friends cannot now forgive him for bringng discredit upon his race, Tom insists that his experience will prove a valuable lesson to him, and that it all "happened for the best." Up to the very day on which Tom forged the name of Treasurer F. F. Winde, of King George, to a check he stood very high in the estimation of both white and colored here, and his race so proudly regarded him as a rising man that nearly every colored family esteemed it an honor to entertain him, and a god-send to have him teach their children. Mr. R. H. Hudson, the largest real estate owner at King George Courthouse searance of the whole place.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES. The advent this week of thousands of of wild water-fowl are watched with it terest all through December and the first half of January, and are considered by many unfailing signs of the times. THE HOLIDAYS.

with country people—perhaps the busiest period of the same length of the whole year. Large wood-piles—choice oak and hickory—for Christmas fires, replenished meal-tubs, an extra barrel of choice flour, &c., &c., must all be in place by Christ-mas-eve, and the country landlord must give his undivided time and attention to hese very items the week before Christhas, for the sound of axe, grist-mill, or anything else like work is not heard du-ring that sacred week from December 5th to January 2d. And this week is a time of no less importance, anxiety, push, and hurry to the country wives, mothers, and daughters. Stacks of Christmas pies, rakes as big as grindstones, heaps of nick-nacks, caramels, &c., must all be orepared and in readiness for the holi-lays. Besides such duttes as those just mentioned, which devolve upon the women olk, the mothers must also take their of tin-horns, climbing-monkeys, tin whistles, firecrackers, toy pistols, and various "pretty things" (instruments of torture to bachelors) so long promised the "precious little fellows," provided they behave nicely till Christmas.

PERSONAL. Mr. Richard L. Sullivan is critically ill at the home of Mr. J. S. Peyton, near this place. Drs. M. W. Minor, V. O. Caruthers, and F. F. Winde performed an operation on him several days ago, and he case is being watched with deep inerest and great anxiety. Mr. A. P. Billingsley, the telephone-operator, and a merchant at King George Courthouse, has been extremely ill for

three weeks with typhold-fever. spective homes in other counties, to spend the holidays.

A post-office to be called "Grigsby's" has been established at the store of Mr. John Grigsby, near Machadoc, this coun-

y, with a tri-weekly mail-service. The horrible murder of Mr. Peter Schooler some days ago in Stafford, the county adjoining this, accounts of which appeared in the Dispatch, has so incensed our people that many of them would esteem it a pleasure to lynch the assassins without ceremony, with the slightest enent, although there never was an attempt at lynching in all this section.
The murdered man had warm friends
here, and the awful crime of slaying such worthy, inoffensive citizen has arouse greater wrath and indignation than has any other one deed in twenty years.

REFLECTION ON XMAS SHOPPING.

Poor Hauds to Buy-Some of the Novelties-The Empty Stocking.

These few busy weeks before and after Christmas that we are wont to call the terest to one who has the leisure and the inclination for studying humanity; and even though one may have little money to spare for the pretty trifles that are set as traps to catch the unwary, there is still a good deal of amusement to be

derived from visiting the shops, the holi-day crush notwithstanding.
What the ninteenth century humorist would do if he had not the luckless woman shopper to fall back upon in an emergency is an open question, for among the holiday shoppers one meets every conceivable type of woman-and man; the latter, being in most instances the very incarnation of helplessness. No woman with a sympathetic soul and the usual power of observation can watch the average man struggling in a store crowded with women without a pang of pity. There is a science in shopping. sists in the simplest rule of knowing what one wants to buy and just how much one can afford to pay for it.

The wise woman is she who sets aside a certain sum for holiday expenditures with a mental determination not to exceed its limits. A woman of this type is a godsend to the weary saleswoman, for she wastes no time in looking at all sorts of things which she has no intention of buying.

Silver plays an unusually prominent role among the presents of to-day, and the many articles, useful and ornamental, come to us in very alluring forms. A pretty little present in a useful novelty is an umbrella strap, made in the form of a miniature belt, and trimmed with sterling silver. The silver buckle and other decorations show very artistic workmanship, presenting a decided and pleasing contrast to the ungainly umbrella bands of former years.

Women are ever ready to smile upon

a gift when it assumes the pleasant guise of a costly gem, and as each season brings with it some new fad in stones, it behooves the tender husband to see to it that she is abreast of the times. The one stone above others upon which the goddens of fashion has at the present moment set a special value is the peridot, or "evening emerald," as it is sometimes called. It is a lovely stone, with exquisite shades of transparent green, the best suggestion of whose hue is the effect produced by looking at the light through a thin, delicate leaf. Jewellers say that the peridot is of the same class as the beryl, aqua-marine and topaz, and that it is, in fact, the ancient chrysolite. It is found in Egypt, Ceylon, Peru, and Brazil, good crystals being extremely rare. In pins and rings it is some imes set in amethysts, and the blending of the soft mauve and green is exquisitely artistic.

abandonment of grief her face is buried in her hands, as she leans weeping upon a broken chair, and neither the empty cupboard nor grate are remembered in the blitter grief and disappointment at the empty stocking!

Unfortunately, these are not fancy sketches. There is that touch of nature in them which shows us they are true to the letter, and are only the mirror turned toward us to remind us that in our abundance we should remember the needy.

The benevolent in our midst are plan-

ring the present week.

at their command.

To the sorrow-stricken and unhappy who feel that life is empty and aimless a whispered word: Do all you can for the comfort and happiness of those less fortunate than yourself, and your burden will be lightened, your aims and objects brighten, and life will take on new interest for you.

CHLOE.

cious and Hallowed Season. RICHMOND, VA., December 20, 1894. To the Editor of the Dispatch: And now recurs the beautiful Christ-

mas-tide, hallowed with its holy associations and proclaiming anew the "good of the angelic choir that entranced the Christmas morning long, long ago rings down through the corridors of time and with none of its sweet and soul-cheeri melody lost, still joyously proclaims "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Surely Christmas is humanity's natal day since it is the anniversary of the birth of since it is the anniversary of the birth of man's greatest friend and only Saviour. It is a time when the great heart of nature seems to beat closer to the heart of the beneficent Creator. Most natural ord fitting is it that at such a season the better side of our natures should pidominate to harmonize our hearts withe sweet poetry of the pleasing seaschand though in our latitude this hap radiating the moral universe v benignant beams of love and cheering the faint, succoring the weak, raising the fallen, and supplanting gloom with joy and gladness. Free from a taint of selfishness, it lavishes its bene dictions without regard to age or sex nationality or caste. In its joys the poor may vie with the rich, the weak with the strong, the lowly with the exalted. Its cheer extends from peasant's hut to palatial man-sion. The beautiful delusion of "Santa Claus" to infancy a reality is treasured through maturer years even to life's su set. To the toiler Christmas comes the oasis in life's desert of worry a care, for although it may not be t

and by kindly acts born of that charity which "seeketh not her own" contribute to the amelicration and elevation of our mmon humanity.

of festivities, customs, and excesses en-tirely out of harmony with the spirit of the occasion. Good social cheer is not dependent upon the punch-bowl or the eggnog-bowl. Many households not given o excesses in such matters seem to cosider that "Christmas times" give a war-ranted license in these indulgences. But alas! it is too true that these are seeds of evil sown, and from the sowing a harves of misery and death is annually reaped Many a poor, wrecked life traces it downward career back to the social glass and many a one—"pity 'tis, 'tis true"— the jewelled hand of his fair lady lo or the hand of a loving mother, who lit dreamed of the poison in the cup. The evil social customs are more honored the breach than in the observance. Wh we take up our morning paper the day after Christmas there is generally a siekening column of rum's trophies-trage-dies, accidents, fatalities—due to drink Let us, as we value our civilization political life, our social life, and spiritual life, turn from the least s blance of encouragement to any tom that tends to drag down our tives, friends, and neighbors. And those of our people not meaning by their social-glass indulgences to do their kin-dred, friends, or society any harm, let me beg that if you will not be convinced

The Norfolk and Western railroad will sell reduced-rate tickets to Norfolk, Lynchburg, and all local stations, for the Christmas and New-Year holidays.

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New 25c. Dolls. New 50c. Dolls. New 75c. Dolls.

New \$1 Dotte. New \$1.25 Dotte. New \$2 Dotte. New \$2.50 Dotte.

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Soldiers' Sets, were \$1.25, will go

Tool-Chests, were \$1.25, will go Mon-

Express-Wagons, were 50c., will go

Christmas-Tree Ornaments, were 60c.

Ten-Pins, were 50c., will go Monday .. 33c

The Patrol-Wagons, were 50c., go

Monday for Hook and Laiders, were &c., will go Monday China Dolls, were &c., will go Mon-

Krupp Guns, were 65c., will go Mon-

Lamps.

Banquet-Lamps, onyx column, brass fount, centre-draft burner.
Silk Shades, assorted colors.
Lamp-Shade Frames
Hall-Lamps, assorted-color globes, sell elsewhere for \$2.50, our price...
Library-Lamps, decorated, 14-inch shades and frames, sell elsewhere for \$4, our price.

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\$16.50

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One of these is the most useful article to present to your friends for Christmas or New Year.

§5,000 worth of Jewelry sent us on consignment by a leading manufacturer to be sold at wholesale prices. The line consists of handsome Rings, Pms for ladies and gentlemen; Far-Rings, Cuff Buttons, Breast-Pins, Chains and Charms, Gold Pens, Book-Marks, Paper-cutters, Fin-Trays, and many other articles in the Jewelry line.

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Fine Towels, Napkins, and

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Napkins to

match, Pink

and Yellow.

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Clothd and

Napkins to

match,

BISQUE

The most pathetic picture we have seen among the many suggestive of Christmas during the past few weeks is a little black and white sketch of "The Empty black and white sketch of "The Empty Stocking." Poverty is stamped upon every surrounding, the cupboard is empty, the table is bare, the grate is empty, too, and the snow has drifted over the window-frame. The faith of the poor little ragged girl as she crept from her miserable bed at dawn had not wavered, for had she not hung her little ragged stocking close to the chimney, so Santa Claus might find it first thing? It hangs

the mission schools, and societies, the King's Daughters, the Men's and Wo-men's Christian associations, and the City Mission are busily preparing to do schools, and societies, the all the good they can with the mean

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS-TIDE. Plea for Proper Observance of the Gra

the whole world akin seem to be mor "Cood will towards men." Is the in spiring and elevating sentiment of thi season. He will be happiest in the enjoy ment of this day whose heart is mos responsive to the needs of his fellow-mar Send a gleam of sunshine into some dark despondent soul, raise up some droopin pirit, lighten some burden-bearer's load

Let us remember that notwithstanding the truths above written, there is a cloud invariably hovering over this glorious sea-son. This cloud is the lamentable fact

me beg that if you will not be convinced that with the restrictions you throw around your indulgences any harm can result, bear in mind that it is your plain duty to turn your back upon any general custom that has been abundantly proved to be prolific of untold evil.

I wish all our people a cup brimmingful of solid Christmas cheer—not of intoxicants, but of solid, substantial peace and joy. May the cloud be lifted from every troubled heart; may "peace and good will" reign triumphant; may the loving arm of mercy encircle the drunkard's home, and even he be brought back to righteousness and peace, and may the good people of this fair metropolis of the glorious Sunny South prove themselves responsive to all earnest entreatles to labor for the good of our common humanity along whatever lines are proved to be practicable and efficient.

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